### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the International Formula Windsurfing Class

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Confortel Hotel, Conil, Andalucia, Spain.

# **MINUTES**

### 1) Welcome & Registration of delegates and votes

Ceri Williams (CW) – committee Guido Verlaeckt – committee Francesco Zarbo – committee, email vote Arnon Dagan – committee, email vote Steve Bodner – committee, email vote Sean O'Brien – committee, email vote Marc Cardon – committee, proxy to CW Estonia – voting delegate present Latvia – voting delegate present Lithuania – voting delegate present Argentina – member, proxy to CW

AUS; BRA; CRO; DEN; FIN; GER; GRE; ITA; NED; POL; POR; SIN – all members that sent an email vote.

23 votes in the meeting. CW elected not to vote, and use his 2 proxy votes, if it was a clear decision from the other 19 votes.

### 2) Minutes of Last Meeting and any matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not included in the following agenda.

## 3) Chairman's Report

Ceri Williams gave a brief outline of the main championship activity during the past year; and a summary of the inaugural year of European Cup.

## 4) Financial Statement

### a) 2011 Accounts

b) 2012 – to date the IWA project a surplus for the year, although events towards the end of the year have not met targeted entry levels, eg FW Conil Cup.

## 5) Class Rule changes

- a) Proposal to change from 2 sails to 3 sails APPROVED
- b) Proposal to change from 2 fins to 3 fins APPROVED

## 6) Championship Rules

- a) Proposal to delete the maximum races per day rule **NOT APPROVED**
- **b**) Proposal: to increase maximum number of races per day to 5 **APPROVED**
- c) Proposal: to set the maximum wind speed at constant 25 knots NOT APPROVED
- d) Proposal to set the maximum wind speed to start a race at av 25 knots **NOT APPROVED**

- e) Proposal to set the maximum wind speed to start a race to the level of the Championship **NOT APPROVED**
- f) To include the Women's Championship with Youth and Masters NOT APPROVED (see#7)
- g) To revert to one fleet racing in Men's World Championship NOT APPROVED
- h) In Group Racing to carry forward the score (points) from Qualification and not place (rank) **NOT APPROVED**
- i) In Group Racing the carried forward place (rank) is a non discardable race-NOT APPROVED

### 7) Future events

CWconfirmed that the following championships were contracted for 2013: Youth & Masters Europeans – Azores, Portugal – 29<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May Youth & Masters Worlds – Neusiedl Am See, Austria – 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August Europeans – Conil, Spain – October dates to be confirmed Worlds – as yet to be confirmed; San Francisco could not commit, although still working on a solution. Two further options are being explored. Although proposal # 6.f) was not approved, it was agreed to keep with the existing policy of deciding the venue based on suitability and provision of prize money.

#### Any other Business

**European Cup.** CW reported that more events were likely to join the 2013 Cup Series. It was agreed that the committee review the discards for the series to make it more attractive to more competitors. it was proposed that the current system was unrealistic for most competitors. It was suggested that a maximum of 5 best results for a racer should count for Series Title. **Championship Guidelines**. It was agreed that 'Guidelines' should be published by the Committee that addressed issues such as "suitable conditions" and that may include reference to wind speeds, sea state, championship divisions, etc

SEE – <u>Voting Paper Results</u>